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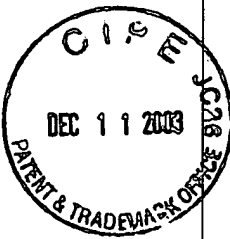
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In reply to the Office action of September 10, 2003, it is respectfully requested that the following amendment be entered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

A M E N D M E N T

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 41 to 48 as indicated in the Listing of Claims set forth in Appendix I attached to this paper.